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Abused daughter 'was on authorities' radar'

EXCLUSIVE

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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SOCIAL services were aware of allegations of physical abuse suffered by a teenage African girl at the hands of her step-mother - at least months before she fell pregnant by her 'rapist' father.

That is the claim of a source close to the

Luton family, which has been torn apart by years of alleged abuse endured by its daughters, one of whom was kept by her father as a 'sex slave' before giving birth to his child.

Bedfordshire Police, who are investigating the case, have notified Interpol they want to question the father after he fled last summer to Africa.

At that time the daughter discovered she was pregnant but did not want to have an abortion - despite her father demanding that she have one - and she gave birth earlier this year.

Since Luton on Sunday last week reported Beds Police were investigating 'a complaint in relation to a sexual offence', a source close to the family approached us claiming Luton Borough Council became aware of abuse allegations following an incident in which another daughter needed stitches for a head injury after being allegedly beaten by her step-mother.

It is unclear exactly when this incident took place but our source said it was 'at least months' before the daughter fell pregnant.

Our family source claims police arrested the step-mother and questioned her at Luton Police Station before releasing her

The source, who we have agreed not to name, claims that it was at this point that social services were alerted to the case, but that one of the daughters had been sexually abused by her father for 'years', and a social worker visited the family.

The step-mother left the country for Africa in May of this year.

International award-winning human rights activist Betty Makoni, chief executive of Girl Child Network (GCN) which campaigns worldwide to raise awareness about the plight of young rape victims, believes the pregnancy could have been prevented if the authorities had acted

more quickly.
She said: "I'm not happy with how this case was handled by the authorities. There was every indication that the children were at risk and any professional could have

"We demand an explanation of why this was allowed to happen. Now the alleged rapist is a danger to girls in Africa, they have not protected the children in this case and we at the GCN demand that he be brought to justice on behalf of girls in the UK and girls worldwide.

"From my understanding the time when one of the sisters was beaten was the same period that the other sister was being raped. That's the worst neglect of a child because once a child is injured it means her health and social needs are as important as her physical needs.
"We are so disappointed that at that stage

the authorities didn't pick it up or move

"When she was pregnant she couldn't make any decisions, the people around her made it for her. In these cases it's almost as



Tribute paid to crash victim

THE funeral of a 21-year-old student tragically killed in a car crash in Northern Ireland will take place on

Michelle Antoinette Hulford (pictured), from Luton, died after a head-on collision between a car, in which she was a passenger, and a Land Rover towing an agricultural trailer in Doagh, which is 15 miles

from Belfast, on Monday.
Two more women, aged 54 and 25, and a 14-month-old child were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment to their injuries.

The driver of the agricultural vehicle received facial injuries that are not believed to be lifethreatening. He was the sole occupant in the vehicle.

Michelle, who attended The King's School, in Harpenden, and was studying at Bath University, was visiting friends and had just been picked up from Belfast Airport at the time of the crash.

Her father, David Hulford, said: "Michelle was a person who absolutely loved life. She had a strong

Christian faith and loved people. "One of her passions in life was giving children an opportunity."

Police are appealing for witnesses to the collision.

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in a road collision has

been revealed as Tim Callaway of Derwent

Road, Luton. Mr Callaway died on

the A5 on June 22 after

his HGV lorry collided with another lorry.

passenger of the other lorry were subsequently

arrested on suspicion of

while the driver has been charged and is due to appear at Northampton

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Action to be taken after man's death in public toilets

in Dunstable will be reviewed following a death in the public lavatories in Ashton Square.

A meeting was held between Central Bedforshire Council. Bedfordshire Police and Dunstable Town Council following the death of 37year-old Matthew Ison on May 15.

As a result of the discussions, it was decided



that a number of actions would be taken, including introducing the use of Radiolink for the toilet

procedures for checking on people in the toilets for long periods of time and adding intelligence for policing teams.

The Community Safety Tasking Group will also be looking at the potential for lightening changes in the toilets to deter drug users.

Cllr Brian Spurr said: "The public toilets are not subject to incidents and this is simply about keeping the

Dunstable safe wherever they are. The town council is seeking to run a quality, safe facility for the whole community."

A spokesman for Beds Police said: "We have involved in discussions with the authorities in the hope that we can prevent anv further tragedies."

A coroner's inquest into the death of Matthew Ison has been opened.

The passenger was later released without charge

PCC CANDIDATE PICKED THE Conservative Party

Magistrates' Court on

have picked former police officer Jas Parmar as their candidate for the forthcoming Police and Crime Commissioner elections following a postal ballot.
Mr Parmar said: "I am

delighted to be chosen as a candidate for this very important role and looking forward to convincing the people of Bedfordshire to put their trust in me in the election on November

Mr Parmar will face Labour candidate Olly Martins for the position.

SIX HURT IN CRASH

SIX people were taken to hospital following a road traffic collision on Friday. The East of England

Ambulance Service (EEAST) was alerted to Airport Way at 10.20am.

Ambulance crews from Luton, St Albans and Watford attended the scene.
Ambulance service

spokesman Gary Sanderson said: "Six people who were in a people carrier all presented with neck pains and due to this, all were taken to Luton & **Dunstable Hospital for** further care."

Hit-and-run victim 'went flying through the air'

BY JULIA SUTTON

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A HIT-AND-RUN driver sped off after sending a pedestrian flying through the air and crashing into the wind-screen of his BMW.

Graham Pratt, 24, of Newton Road, Dagnall, left Danny Daly in a Dunstable street with serious injuries after he had threatened to 'ram' another driver.

Mr Daly told a jury of six men and six women at Luton Crown Court that he was crossing Court Road from a cash point towards the Gary Cooper pub just before Christmas last year when he was hit at about 10.30pm.

He said: "It was clear on my right hand side. I got halfway across. There

was a car coming from my left hand side. I had plenty of time. That's when

Mr Daly said he could not tell the make of the car, but it was grey in colour and travelling at either 30 miles per hour or less.

He went on: "I had another look and that's when I realised another car had overtaken the grey car. It was going too fast for me to avoid it. It appeared as soon as I got half way across the road. I think it was a black BMW."

The BMW was travelling fast, he said, and pulled back in front of the grey car before it struck him. He cannot remember what happened after that. Richard Mandel, for the Crown

Prosecution Service, said that Mr Pratt had been drinking and taking

drugs before the accident. He said: "Mr Daly suffered head, leg, hand and shoulder injuries. He had two to three weeks off work."

The prosecutor told the jury of six men and six women that Mr Pratt did not stop and it was only later that he

When questioned by the police Pratt said Mr Daly had appeared in front of him and he tried to slow down. He denied drinking or taking cocaine before the accident, but said he had drunk beer and snorted three lines of cocaine afterwards to calm himself

Pratt pleaded not guilty to dangerous driving on December 21 last year but was convicted by the jury on Thursday. He will be sentenced next month.

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if there is a social contract between her and father that means she cannot bring shame to the family.

"She was conditioned to the sexual abuse and she is not aware of how criminal it is. It's kind of like a slave mentality where she will do anything and has self-

It is police procedure for international security services to be alerted once anybody wanted on suspicion of a criminal offence leaves

Police: An investigation is ongoing the country. A spokesman for the police said: "This investigation is still ongoing nership with other agencies.

and we are working in part-Therefore it would be inappropriate to comment further at this time.

"Any further release of information could prejudice any future investigation in this case or potential court proceedings.

"I would reassure the community that a thorough investigation is being undertaken and should they have concerns they should contact the police

incerty.

"All victims of sexual assaults are entitled to anonymity by law. We have already circulated details of this case via the security services ie Interpol."

Due to legal reasons LoS is unable to name anyone involved in the case, and there are also many extra details which we have been

unable to publish. A council spokesman said: "An alleged incident like this would be subject to a police investigation so it would be inappropriate for us to make any comment."



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Now it's Worn-down Park

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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GRASS at Wardown Park has been damaged in the wake of thousands of revellers celebrating at the Love Luton Festival in muddy conditions.

Part of the clean-up process will include recovery work to the grass at Wardown Park and Pope's Meadow, which was severely damaged due to the wet weather and amount of footfall over the weekend.

Ironically, this week it was revealed following a study that the greenery in Wardown Park has an estimated value of more than £2 million. The survey, conducted by i-Tree Eco on

behalf of Luton Borough Council last summer, looked at the park's current stock of 1,221 trees and 4,695 cubic metres of hedges and shrubs.

Residents have been assured that the sites will be restored to their former green state as early as the end of this

A council spokesman said: "Due to the wet weather of recent weeks, and particularly over the weekend of the spectacular Love Luton Festival which was enjoyed by more than 75,000 people, there has been some damage to the grass within the festival site.

"However, much of Wardown Park and Popes Meadow are unaffected.

"The parks will be fully open to the public once all the festival equipment has been removed and then recovery work on the damaged areas will begin.

"The recovery will be aided or ham-pered by the weather, but given some dry days to prepare the ground, and then some light rain to germinate the grass seed, we anticipate the damaged areas will be green within the month.

"A financial report on the festival is cur-

rently being complied. This will include a breakdown of expenditure (including clean-up costs).

■ The festival passed with little trouble, with only two arrests made during the entire weekend.

THE manager of a Lutonbased security company has said that he is 'disgusted' that the outdoor events staff for the Love Luton 2012 Festival had travelled from as far as Great Yarmouth and Oxford to be there.

Geoff Bennett (pictured),

who has run ATB Security based in Copenhagen Close for four years, claims that he had offered to provide the security staff for the event but never heard anything back.

He said: "When I went down

to the festival I felt absolutely

"I had contacted the council when the event was being planned to offer the company's services, but didn't get a

response.
"I was disgusted when I saw

Security boss 'snubbed' by council



that the majority of the outdoor events staff had been supplied by a Watford-based company, and when I spoke to some of the workers they had travelled from as far as Oxford and Great Yarmouth

to be there.
"If I had been contacted, I could have filled those jobs with people from Luton, which would have boosted our local economy.

Luton-based should be supporting Lutonbased businesses."

A council spokesman said: "It is highly unlikely that one single company could have supplied staff for the whole event and therefore a range of companies were used, including local providers, working within a tight budget provid-

ing value for money.
"Luton-based staff were used at the festival as part of the overall security provision, alongside firms fro Letchworth and Stevenage.

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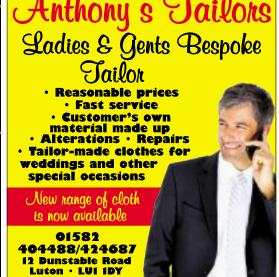
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Chief sees spot where pregnant teen attacked

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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THE county's top cop has personally visited a footpath in Dunstable following a violent attack on a heavily pregnant

Concerns about the safety of Dog Kennel Walk have been raised since the attack on June 26, which prompted the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police, Alfred Hitchock, to visit the scene for himself and listen to suggestions from residents.

Central Bedfordshire Council is currently planning to install more CCTV cameras and upgrade the lighting in the area to make it

sater.
Following his visit, Mr
Hitchcock said: "As promised I
visited Dunstable and walked
along Dog Kennel Walk myself, giving me a personal understand-

ing of the layout of the area.
"During this visit I had the opportunity to speak with people who were using the path and they



were able to share with me their thoughts and made suggestions on how they felt the area could be

"Our key purpose is to fight crime and protect the public, and the design of an area such as a footpath can play a key role in reducing crime. I would like to thank those who spoke with me and I will be briefing the Architectural Liaison Officer with the suggestions that were put for-

As yet, Mr Hitchcock has not put forward any recommendations for changes to the walkway.

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the path will have to be made by Central Bedfordshire Council, but we support them in any decisions they made in an attempt to make

the walkway safer." Central Bedfordshire Cllr Brian Spurr said: "Our recent successful bid to Central Government for Sustainable Transport Funding will allow us to invest in improving the whole length of National Cycle Network Route 6 between Dunstable and Houghton Regis, including the section known as Dog Kennel

"Our plans include removing and cutting back encroaching vegetation and raising the tree canopy so that the route enjoys better natural light, as well as upgrading the lighting and installing more CCTV cameras, which will be linked into our existing network. We will be updating local residents over the coming months and people will get the chance to have their say on our proposals.'

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Lands Improvement Holdings (LIH) and AXA Real Estate, partners of the project, are

presenting their plans during a public exhibition at Bedford Square Centre, Houghton Regis between Thursday and Tuesday, July 24.

Ideas on display will include draft plans for an estimated 5,100 new homes, 1,000 jobs, retail units, roads, quality public spaces and community

facilities as well as the creation of jobs and training opportunities. The plans could then be

submitted in a planning application to Central Bedfordshire Council later this year.

Kevin Moriarty, managing director of LIH, said: "We are very excited about our proposals for

the scheme and look forward to hearing the views and opinions of the local community. "Their feedback is

invaluable for us.

Exhibition dates are: Thursday, 2pm-8pm; Friday, 2pm-8pm; Saturday 10am-4pm; Monday, July 23 10am-4pm; Tuesday, July 24 10am-4pm.



New monkey born at zoo

SAKI monkeys at Whipsnade Zoo have been busy welcoming a bright-eyed baby

to their brood.
The youngster, born two months ago, joins mum Rio, dad Kos and brothers Jose and Paulo in the zoo's Discovery

Although the newest arrival has spent the last few weeks clinging on to mum, the

cheeky monkey is starting to become more independent and has even begun eating solid food – by stealing it from mum's mouth.

Senior keeper Melvin Lear said: "It's the third baby to be born to parents Rio and Kos and we're delighted. The brothers are also helping out it's just dad that's not. But







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Prospective police chief says privatisation would be a bad thing

TWO weeks ago Bedfordshire Police Authority pulled back from the brink of privatising all its support services to G4S. The authority did not dismiss the idea but chose to look at it alongside another option, as well as leaving the final decision to the incoming Police and Crime Commissioner... which gives the candidates the chance to say what they would like to see. STEVE LOWE asks Labour's prospective PCC, Olly Martins, what he would do on this and other issues.

√ I am not at all comfortable with either privatisation or with the Authority using G4S. I believe that view would be in tune with the public.

the public.
A PCC for Bedfordshire means having a mini Home Secretary with a budget of more than £100 million, with roughly 1,000 police officers and 1,000 support staff.

Handing over large parts of our police service to an organisation like G4S, which clearly hopes this contract will be the start of a slippery slope to even greater privatisation of policing, is not the answer.

It will be bad for public accountability, and bad for staff.

Ultimately I have no doubt it will be bad for local taxpayers, particularly as this massive contract has not even been exposed to competition to ensure it provides best value.

A vote for me will be a vote for keeping policing as a public service. It will also be a vote for telling this Government that its 20 per cent police budget cuts are criminal. We should be cutting crime, not the police.

G4S is currently providing security in the West Bank of Palestine. Is this the kind of organisation we want to manage support services for Bedfordshire police? I think not.

This contract will be on a vast scale and, if entered into, will be very difficult to escape if it starts to go wrong.

This vote for a PCC, admittedly being held on a cold day in November, is to improve public accountability, which I support. It

would be ridiculous if the first decision a PCC takes is to remove from that accountability large parts of the police service. I want to build on the achieve-

I want to build on the achievements of the current Chief Constable and the outgoing Police Authority to create a first class police force in Bedfordshire backed up by first class support services. That can only be achieved if it remains a wellfunded public service.

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Olly Martins (pictured above)

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Couple get jail terms for keeping slaves BY JULIA SUTTON

TWO members of a traveller family found guilty of number of 'slavery' and assault charges have been jailed for a total of 15 years.

Iames John Connors (Big Jim), 34 (pictured left), and his wife Josie Connors, 31, (pictured right) both of Little Greenacres, Leighton Billington. Buzzard, were sentenced to 11 years and four vears respectively.

At Luton Crown Court on Wednesday, James John Connors was found guilty of two counts of holding a person in servitude, two counts of requiring a person to



perform forced or compulsory labour and one count of assault.

Iosie Connors was found guilty of two counts of holding a per-



son in servitude and two counts of requiring a person to perform forced or

compulsory labour. The jury were unable

charges against other family members Tommy Connors Senior, 52; Johnny Connors, 28; Tommy Connors, 27; James Connors, 23; and

Patrick Connors, 20.
Tommy Connors Tommy Senior, Patrick Connors, Tommy Connors and James Connors will now face a retrial in April next year in relation to the counts on which the jury failed to decide.

The prosecution submitted no evidence against Johnny Connors who had been found not guilty of requiring a person to perform forced or compulsory labour – and he was cleared of a charge of holding a person in servitude.

Woman 'attacked' in kids' playground

AN ARREST has been made following an attack on a woman in a children's play area

Two men helped the 30-year-old victim as she was left with cuts and bruising in Burnt Close, Luton, on June 22 at 9.40pm. A 20vear-old woman was arrested in connection with the incident and bailed pending further police investigations

Officer Jenita Investigating

Samaritans - two black men - who helped the victim

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Broken mug thoughts

SIR - A few weeks ago you printed a letter from your regular contribu-tor, John Tucker, this time stating that he wouldn't step into WHSmith ever again, because an assistant asked him at the counter if he would like to purchase some chocolate.
He could, of course, have simply

replied 'No, thank you' as no doubt many others would have done, and left the matter at that.

A few weeks prior to this incident, he complained to another local newspaper that he had been 'mugged' by a checkout lady in a supermarket for about 87p.

On a somewhat different note however, Mr Tucker and no doubt everyone else reading this letter might be interested to hear that after consuming a mug of coffee at a cafe recently. I accidentally dropped the empty receptacle and needless to say it smashed to pieces.

I therefore immediately made an apology to a member of staff who spoke a little English, which was fortunately accepted.

I am therefore wondering whether in light of Mr Tucker's recent ram-blings where he will accuse me of having 'mugged' the floor or worse still, physically abused it.

However, unlike Mr T, I have a genuine reason for not wishing to visit this same establishment ever again; the incident happed about a fortnight ago, while returning from holiday, in a concealed cage at Barcelona Airport.

Sue Goddard, Toddington Road, Luton

Spotlight on privatisation

SIR- Having read Steve Lowe's column (LoS July 1) and his article on 'Privatisation' of various parts of the police support staff, I feel grateful that there are still some independent and watchful

observers of officialdom. It is totally unacceptable that such an important part of the state's apparatus should be just swept into the private army that is G4S and with such a cavalier approach to spending public money on a private company.

It also reflects badly on the senior officers in the police forces con-cerned that they should so easily go along with this ill thought-out poli-

cy.

If there is such a desperate need to save money and the three forces are merging so many of the various detection and forensic departments, why not get rid of two of the Chief Constables and their various deputies, assistants and other minions? No, of course it is the 'little' people who are going to be dis-placed, discarded and discouraged.

Like Steve Lowe, I feel that this Government's admiration of everything American is going to shatter systems that have been decades in the making.
It is much easier to destroy some-

thing than construct it.

There is also a doubtful morality in this. I wonder just how many exsenior police officers will be looking for employment with G4S? So the very people who will have such influence over the move to privati-sation may have their own personal axes to grind. I am sure that will

If it ain't broke . . . don't fix it

SIR - Change is an attractive slogan but it should only happen when needed.

Politicians use this slogan for personal survival - not in the national interest.

National institutions like the NHS, education service, civil service and police are foundations of the British society and contribute in a major way in smooth functioning of the social

In recent years the forementioned set ups have had changes to make them more

All changes need time to bed in and constant changes produce confusion and muffled up policies and that is in no-one's interest.

It is also costly and counter productive.

This brings me to the Police Crime Commissioners idea, which has been imported from America without necessary evidence that it will work here in

not be the case, but actions carried out behind closed doors would lead to such unnecessary suspicions.

Senior police officers have been trained at great public expense, over long periods to be fitted to command large organisations.

Not all of them have retained common sense though, as the Chief Inspector of Constabulary deemed it necessary to warn chief constables to be careful about which 'freebies' to accept.

Mike Walker Peels Place, Sandy

Who can we trust?

SIR - It's clear that banks can never be trusted again. Their power is out of control, and no one can stop them. That is why we should all seriously consider buying a safe, to keep at home.

You could keep it in the loft, or hide it in your home. Most of us have house alarms, and locks on our windows.

You don't have to keep thousands of pounds at home. But if everyone took a few hundred out of their account, this would send a message to the banks that they can't treat us

with contempt.

The interest they pay is now pennies. So don't worry about that. We the people have to punish the

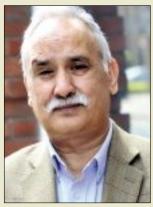
We can't trust the Government to sort out the mess. They're all in it

John Tucker Bracklesham Gardens, Luton

Support drug's work

SIR - Things will be hotting up in Superdrug stores across the country over next weekend.

Superdrug staff are holding a summer fundraising weekend to help fund Teenage Cancer Trust's vital cancer awareness talks in schools, colleges and universities across the UK, raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer, demystifying the disease and talk-ing about the importance of healthy living.



the UK also. This is a major and fundamental change in the way we will be policed.

The current policing pattern has developed over many decades and has served us quite well.

Impartiality of British policing

Although so far this year summer is yet to make an appearance, Superdrug staff will be turning the heat up, donning Hawaiian shirts and running a host of summery activities for you to get involved in such as tropical bake sales and

limbo competitions.
Staff will also be encouraging customers to buy Teenage Cance Trust pin badges.
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Animals in experiments

SIR - The latest government statistics show that almost 3.8 million animals were used in experiments in the UK during 2011 - equivalent to over 10,000 experiments every

This is the highest number of ani-mal experiments seen for 25 years and flies in the face of the Coalition Government's pledge in 2010 to reduce the number of animals used cornerstone of British justice, which is again well trusted by the society at large.

With a commissioner who is likely to be a politician, there is bound to be political interference and that does not give me much confidence.

At present things are non political at operational level and my local bobby can work independently and objectively in preserving peace and justice. I am happy with that situation and so are many others.

Do not interfere with it if it is working. In my view the present policing system is functioning well and there is no public urge for a change of this kind, which is a retrogressive step.

There is a huge proposed salary

which does not appeal to me.
Let us drop the idea, which does not command consent. Akbar Dad Khan (pictured)

Biscot Road, Luton

It is unacceptable that millions of animals continue to suffer and die in UK laboratories, including 2,865 dogs, 11,844 rabbits, 153 cats, 3,772 cows, 562,245 fish and 3,962

pigs.
The UK should be leading the way in reducing animal testing, yet we remain one of the world's largest users of animals in experiments.

The BUAV will continue to work towards ending this appalling suffering taking place in our labo-

For more information on the BUAV and our work, please visit www.buav.org

Chief executive of BUAV

Vegan guide available

SIR - There are many hidden cruelties in the world of modern animal farming - from the shooting of day-old male calves to the perma-nent confinement of dairy cows

and goats inside sheds.

As an animal campaigner I am used to hearing and seeing these

terrible practices.
But now a recent article in Farmers Weekly about dairy cows taken to livestock shows has shocked me all over again.

The article says: 'exhibitors use super glue as a teat sealant to boost udder conformation in their ani-

'The glue prevents milk leakage and makes the udder swell.

Other techniques to increase the size of the udder include addicting cows to the hormone oxytocin and filling the udder with gas before sealing it.

The British Veterinary Association representative also describes farmers injecting foreign substances into the udder with some cows



Your comments on the stories

Lewis carries torch

■ Take note EDL, this is what Luton is really about integration and harmony between religions and cultures... Well done Luton and well done Luton Borough Council. sugarpuffs

Authority in profit

■ Your headline is misleading. Local authorities do not make 'profits'. I suspect this might be a case of Central Beds Council underspending. In other words, they took half a million from local taxpayers last year that, ultimately, they failed to use. In terms of financial management, this could be regarded as bad as if they had overspent. Good bit of council spin though... Whatever

Your comments on Twitter: Tory party's finances put before cash for charities

@fatbutthin: Cameron needs to sort out some of these people

Lewis Hamilton to carry Olympic torch in Luton

@JohnEJefferson: No Lutonians who don't live in Monaco available?

The top five stories on our website this week:
■ Sons life risked by 999 delay

- Picture Special Love Luton 2012 Festival on Saturday

 ■ Probe into cheating allegations
- Picture Special Love Luton
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going into anaphylactic shock as a result. Anyone who finds this as unacceptable as I do, and wishes to boycott such a cruel industry without compromising on taste, can order a free Guide to Going Vegan from info@animalaid.co.uk

Kate Fowler

letters policy

LETTERS, preferably a maximum of 300 words, must arrive by 3pm on Wednesday. Full name and address must be supplied. Details will be withheld only in exceptional circumstances. Write to: Letters to the Editor, Luton on Sunday, 28 King Street, Luton, LU1 2DP. You can also email your letters to: editor@lsnmedia.co.uk

Crime numbers fall and chief vows more can be done'

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

lauren.archell@lutononsunday.co.ul

THE amount of crime in Dunstable has fallen drasti-cally, according to latest sta-

In particular, the number of recorded vehicle crimes has decreased by nearly half - 48 per cent - while most serious violence has fallen by a quarter - 25 per cent.

The figures, from a Dunstable Town Council agenda, also show that, from January 1 to June 30, the number of recorded burglaries and robberies dropped compared to the same dates in 2011.

Assistant Constable Andrew Richer of Bedfordshire Police (pictured) said: "Crime continues to fall throughout Bedfordshire, with figures down 6.5 per cent on last year, but there is still more that can be done."

clerk David Ashee said: "We are delighted that crime figures are going in the right direction

'We will endeavour to work in partnership to work with Bedfordshire Police and the Community Safety Partnership Tasking Group to ensure this continues."



Uni applications down

THE number of people applying to join the University of Bedfordshire this autumn has fallen by 1,800 when compared with

last year's figures.
The statistics published by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service this week show that the number of applications has dropped by 9.2 per cent - which is roughly in line with national figures, following Government changes to tuition fees.

Susie King, the university's head of student admissions. said: "Despite the small fall in UCAS applications this year, Bedfordshire continues to enjoy high levels of applications and student enquir-

ers. We are also actively planning for the Clearing period which starts on August 16 – the day after Alevel results are published when more students will enrol, pushing up the figures."

The university has places available this year. Although there has been a fall in the number of applications this year, the university has grown in recent years, going from some 10,000 students in 2004 to more than 24,000 students

For more information about applying to study at Bedfordshire visit www.beds.ac.uk/howtoapply

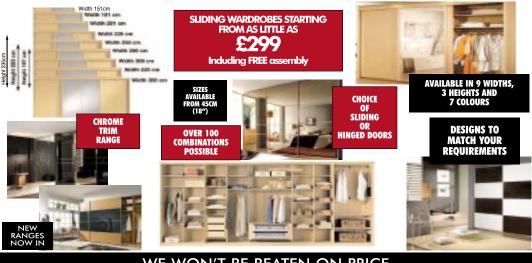
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There will be opportunities for members of the public to ask questions.

For further information, please contact Jo Grizzell on 01582 532090.

Luton Clinical Commissioning Group is a new organisation, run and led by local clinicians to plan and purchase health services for people living in Luton.



stevelowe

WALKED into my bank this week where there was a queue of five people.

Two members of staff were occupying the booths but only one was dealing with the paying customers. The other was busy doing some other work

busy doing some other work. I went to her booth but was shooed away and she also pointed to her sign on the counter which said she could not help at the moment.

Am I the only one who finds this annoying?

If staff cannot serve customers because they are on some vital other job – perhaps working out their bosses' bonuses – why are they on the counter?

Perhaps it is just to annoy us, or maybe it fulfils some inter-

Extra bonus will be paid if there are two members of staff on the counter at all times.

Perhaps it is because of health and safety that one member cannot be left on his own.

Otherwise if staff have other work to do, can they either do it where customers cannot see them, or put it down and serve people when the bank is busy?

Do they also serve... who stand and just ignore you?

Poor service seems to be on the increase in this country. Perhaps it is the cuts, or

maybe the weather.
An American, desperate for a drink, came up to me in a London pub the other week and asked if I knew how to get served, as he had been waiting for ten minutes.

Wait until he tries our trains, I thought. Or the Post Office, another bastion where often the lights are on but there is no-one at home.

Talking of similar matters, delivering the mail is not what it used to be.

If there was some reason why a letter or parcel could not be dropped through the letter-box, the usual solution was to first ring the door bell and if that failed, try next door.

Not any more. A card is dropped through the door asking you to pick it up at the nearest delivery office.

The other day the present

Z An American, desperate for a drink, came

up to me in a London pub the other week

and asked if I knew how to get served, as

he had been waiting for ten minutes

Mrs Lowe was sitting in our kitchen when the mail dropped through.

With it was a card saying that the sender did not pay the full postage and the letter needs to be picked up at the local delivery office.

No attempt had been made to ring the bell. It is the same with packages.

Perhaps the postie no longer brings them out – but if not why not?

And never ask a question in a shop unless you are looking for a bored expression or a shrug of the shoulders followed by a tired 'Dunno'.

The look on the face seems to be saying: "They don't pay me enough to answer your dumb question."

Perhaps that is right, which is a shame, as good service makes all the difference and should be worth something.

It is hardly surprising that more and more people are shopping on-line when personal service – not that kind of personal service — is so often poor to abysmal.

As some might have been saying last Sunday, what we need to do is serve a little better if we want to improve.



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BY LUI STRACCIA

A THOUSAND train passengers were overcharged for their fares after 'problems' with ticket machines at stations during the Jubilee weekend.

Those using services between Bedford and London - including Luton, Luton Airport Parkway and Leagrave - paid around £5 too much at self-service kiosks on June 4 and 5.

The issues meant one of two types of machine did not offer customers the best 20 per cent discounted super off-peak week-

Rail firm First Capital Connect (FCC) has apologised for the mistakes and is sending automatic refunds for the difference to everyone who paid with either a credit card or debit card.

But a third of the estimated 1,000 travellers who paid in cash thought to be 350 in total - have been asked to contact to FCC direct at fcc.refund@firstgroup. com or a station ticket office.

The super off-peak tickets were



available at ticket office windows and online.

Anthony Smith, chief executive of watchdog Passenger Focus, said: "We were very disappointed to find out that some passengers were mis-sold tickets by FCC's ticket vending machine during the Jubilee Bank Holiday.

"Our research shows that pas-sengers are already sceptical about whether they're getting the best deal when buying tickets from a vending machine, so this sort of error will only add to their mistrust of machines.

Notices alerting passengers were put on the machines on July

FCC director Keith Jipps said: "We apologise for the inconvenience this has caused some of our customers and are working with the ticket machine supplier to ensure this does not happen again.

Now we have confirmed the full extent of the problem, we are pushing through automatic refunds for the difference for customers who paid by card and are asking customers who paid cash

to contact us.
"We will donate any cash purchase refunds not claimed within two months to the charity Railway Children.'

Appeal for witnesses after teen assaulted

A TEENAGER was attacked by a group of men.

The 18-year-old was punched and kicked at the skate park in Manor Park, Manor Road, Luton, men who grabbed, kicked and

punched him. He fell to the ground and hit his head against a metal railing.

The group shouted 'give me all your stuff' several times before checking his pockets but he managed to escape and run

home without anything being taken.

Anyone with information about this attack, on June 25 at 5.30pm, can contact Detective Constable Surfraz Hussain, in confidence, on 01582 473330.

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How Duggan's Law drunk drivers more

FOR Declan Duggan, the passing of Duggan's Law on July 10, 2002 marked the culmination of four years of tireless campaigning following the death of his son Kevin in a tragic road accident.

in a tragic road accident.
Tuesday was the tenth anniversary of the change in law, and
Declan has been reflecting on
the journey he has been on since
that fateful Halloween night on
October 31, 1998.

Kevin was a passenger in a car being driven by a drunk driver, but the driver was not tested after the crash because the law at the time made it an offence for doctors to take blood samples from an unconscious driver.

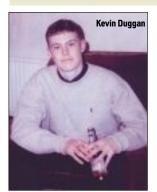
Since it was passed as part of the Police Reform Act 2002, 'Duggan's Law' is estimated to have contributed to the prevention of 500 deaths since 2002 - an average of 50 a year. Declan said: "What I have dis-

Declan said: "What I have discovered through the various road safety campaign meetings I've had is that since 2002 road safety has increased.

"Deaths on the roads have reduced due to lots of factors, mainly the reduction of speed in urban areas, better vehicles and things such as that."

But while it is comforting to know his campaign was not in

TEN years ago last week, a law was voted through in the House of Commons that changed how drink-drive accidents were handled forever. 'Duggan's Law' - named after 19-year-old Kevin Duggan, of Dunstable, who was tragically killed in a drink-drive crash - gave doctors the legal right to take blood samples from unconscious drivers suspected of driving while over the limit, and is so far thought to have saved 500 lives. CARL MUNGAZI reports.



vain, he still feels the pain of losing his son.

Declan added: "Coping with the death is still difficult. There's an old saying that goes 'time is a great healer' but when you lose a child, that loss and pain never goes away. It hangs around you everyday. What you manage to do is find ways of dealing with the loss."

Since then the Duggan family has set up the Kevin Duggan Golf Academy at Stockwood Park to give disadvantaged and underprivileged children the chance to play what is still considered an elitist sport.

Declan said: "The golf academy is a visual memorial to my son. I live close by so I see it nearly every day and my younger children play there regularly. Since we started it there has been a big upsurge in family golfing because there aren't many sports where the whole family can play at the same time and compete at the same level.

"The way the golf handicap system works allows families to play

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together and I am really proud of that. I am sure Kevin, who was a great golfer, would be proud if he were to see it now."

The course, which has nine holes, a driving range and putting green, was funded through the £300,000 raised by the Duggan family during events held at the White Swan, a pub Mr Duggan used to run in Dunstable but has since sold.

Sandy Jones, the chief executive of the Professional Golf Association, is scheduled to visit the course in August - a testament to the success of the academy

my.
These days, Declan spends his time campaigning. He has held several meetings with the Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny who wants Duggan's Law passed in Ireland, and he has just finished writing his memoirs which are due to be published later this year.

Among all this he has been keen to stress the importance of road safety and has worked tirelessly to use the death of his son as a way to save the lives of others.

Declan said: "My whole family is proud of the ten-year milestone and what we have done in Kevin's memory.

Kevin's memory.

"If we have played a part in the prevention of 500 deaths I can be proud because this has been a personal crusade and at times it was difficult.

"I had my low moments but if my son's death can prevent the death of others it makes me feel much better."

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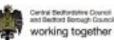
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'I don't feel safe in my own shop'

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

A SHOP OWNER was left needing stitches to a bad injury after being attacked by a group of men.

Mohammed Zaman, 29, bled badly

after being beaten up in his coffee shop, Caffeine Lounge, at Luton train station last weekend.

Three men went into the shop on July 7 at 7.45am and began picking up items from the counter and throwing them at Mr Zaman.

He said: "The men were loud and being

quite rowdy.

'I asked them to stop and to leave.

"It was at this point one of the men punched me in the side.

The other two men then held me there while the same man punched me twice in the face.

"My eye was bleeding badly and I ran out of my shop towards Midland Road when I saw a police officer talking to the people that had done this to me.

'I made it very clear that these were the men that caused my injuries, but I watched the officer let them go.

I don't feel safe in my shop and fear for my wife, who also works shifts at the business - why weren't these people arrested?"

A Bedfordshire Police spokesman said: "All incidents that happened at the train station fall under the remit of the British Transport Police (BTP), but I can confirm however that we did attend the incident

and stopped two people in the area.
"All their details were taken and have



now been passed to BTP for further investigation.

It is understood that the two men that were stopped were the two that held Mr Zaman while he was being attacked. The third man who is responsible for punch-

ing him is still being hunted by BTP.
A BTP spokesman said: "I can confirm that our officers are investigating after a member of staff was assaulted at Luton rail station on July 7.

"Officers are conducting a full investigation to identify the man responsible, who has been described as white, aged around 25 and was 5ft 8 in height.

"He wore a light blue tracksuit top and

"Anyone who has any information about the incident, or knows the man responsible, is asked to contact us on 0800 40 50 40 quoting incident number 174 of 07/07/2012."





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Hosepipe ban lifted



BACK IN ACTION: The Water Feature in St

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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HOSEPIPES can once again be used after a ban was lifted - and the water feature in St George's Square can be turned back on.

The ban was introduced on April 5 by Veolia Water Central following two consecutive autumn and winter periods of below average rainfall which left much of the South East of England in drought conditions.

But it was lifted on Monday, meaning the water fountains in St George's Square, Luton, have been turned back on.

A statement from Veolia Water said: "The temporary use ban has helped to reduce demand and conserve our water resources and we would like to thank our customers for their incredible support and we apologise for inconvenience caused by the ban.
"The unprecedented rainfall

since April has lead to a significant improvement in our water resources, which have now recovered sufficiently to allow us to lift the ban, without putting strain on the local environ-

The ban, together with the significant rainfall since April, has resulted in a reduction in demand of about seven per

Veolia has also reduced leakage by more than 20 million litres per day below the regulator agreed leakage reduction target for this year.

Mike Pocock, water resources manager at Veolia Water, said: "It must be stressed that groundwater levels still remain lower than normal, so we are asking our customers to continue to use water wisely.

We will need prolonged and substantial rainfall, particularly during the next autumn and winter period, to restore our groundwater to normal levels. A third dry autumn and winter would make a hosepipe ban next year a possibility.

Hospital admissions project recognised

WORKING together was the theme of a national awards scheme which recognised a project that has reduced admissions to hospital.

The National Care Integration Awards,

launched by the Health Services Journal and Nursing Times, gave recognition to those organisations who work together to breakdown boundaries.

The gastroenteritis

pathway, which was developed by the Paediatric Urgent Care Pathway Redesign project in Luton, was shortlisted as a finalist for the gastrointestinal award. The project aimed to reduce the number of children attending hospital with gastrointestinal problems by collaborative working between acute, community and primary care services.

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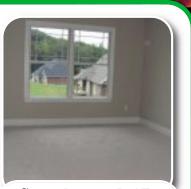
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Union: Ambulance cuts 'may jeopardise lives'

BY KATHRYN CAIN

PATIENTS could be put at risk by having to wait longer for emergency help due to cuts in the number of ambulances and staff, according to officials. union

The changes, which were announced by the East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EEAST), would mean fewer emergency response vehicles and staff available at certain times of the day and night as the Trust attempts to find almost £50 million over the next few years.

Unison officials claim the Trust has already removed 110 posts across the East of England and intends to get rid of up to a further 150 in the near future as a result of government spending

This would not mean jobs would be lost, rather that fewer staff would be working at certain times of the day meaning longer

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waiting times for patients in need

of emergency care.
Although there are no ambulance stations closing as a direct result of these changes, unions claim they will result in fewer or no ambulances capable of transporting patients at several stations across all counties within the region at certain times of the day and night.

Gary Applin, branch secretary at the East of England Ambulance Service Unison, said: "The pro-posed scaling down of resources across all areas will put patients at risk. The Trust's own figures show that in many areas, staffing levels will be below what is needed for many hours of the day.

"In rural areas, patients will wait for longer for any member of Trust staff to attend in an emergency and even then it is likely that will be a solo responder and therefore incapable of transporting them straight to hospital

A spokesman for the EEAST said: "We are not reducing the number of front-line staff we employ nor the number of emergency vehicles we use.

"The nature of demand is changing and it is true we are changing the balance of vehicles as we need less double-staffed ambulances and more rapid response vehicles fully equipped staffed by trained para-

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Restructuring 'unsettling' police

POLICE officers are having their roles reviewed after the force announced its second restructure in less than nine months.

The force, which was reshaped in October last year, is being overhauled again in an effort to deal with projected cuts.

However, officers claim they feel unsettled by the changes after a questionnaire asked them what they feel their skills are and where in the county they want to work.

One member of staff, who wishes to remain anonymous, said: "Last week every officer had to complete a questionnaire as we did before, so we are having to go through the same thing again.

"This is very unsettling because you could be working in the north of the county one day and then end up working in Luton the next.

"It is like applying for your position all over again."

In response to the claims, a spokesman for Bedfordshire Police said: The force is continually having to review how it does things and come up with money-saving ideas.

"As part of the restructure plans, managers and staff have been consulted on what the changes may look like and what roles they might have in the new structure."

G4S boss' pledge to 'support' cops

BY ADAM THOMPSON

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SECURITY firm G4S has hit back at suggestions it will replace police officers, vowing to offer more support to bobbies on the beat.

Bedfordshire Police – and the Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire forces – have agreed to explore outsourcing, including finance, ICT services and HR, to private firm G4S as they look to save £73 million. G4S was awarded a ten-year £200m

G4S was awarded a ten-year £200m contract earlier this year with Lincolnshire Police to support their services. After the deal another ten forces signed up.

Last month Bedfordshire's Unison

Last month Bedfordshire's Unison police staff branch raised fears officers' jobs will be cut to make savings and questioned the accountability of a profit-making service being funded by taxpayers.

And this week the company was

And this week the company was again in the news after it revealed if had 'encountered some delays' getting enough trained staff ready for the London Olympics, for which it has the contract, meaning an extra 3,500 troops are to be brought in to shore up security at the Games.

John Shaw, managing director of

John Shaw, managing director of G4S Policing Support Services, (pictured) said: "We are delighted that Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire are considering using the Lincolnshire contract to improve efficiency and save money, and G4S looks forward to supporting the police authorities as they work



through their proposals. G4S has no interest in providing front-line policing – we're here to support police officers not replace them.

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Games are a success

BY JULIA SUTTON

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The competitors, aged between

eight and 15, participated in a variety of sports including golf, rounders, tennis, Kwik Cricket, athletics, indoor rowing, cheer-

leading and gymnastics.

Each of the teams designed their own logos for their sports shirt based around one of the Olympic and Paralympic values of Excellence. Respect, Determination, Friendship,

Equality, Courage and Inspiration.

The special guest on the day was Danny Crates, Paralympic gold medalist at Athens in 2004. He said: "It was great to see these young people, who had worked so hard to reach these finals, not only having a good time but enjoying the pride that time but enjoying the pride that comes with representing your



team and the Olympic values."

The School Summer Games, held at the Regional Sports Centre in Stopsley, was coordinated by team BEDS&LUTON and delivered with the support of the School Games Organisers, jointly chaired by Dan Conner, head-teacher at Denbigh High School, Luton, and Mike Berrill, headteacher at Biddenham Upper

Lloyd Conaway, director of team Beds & Luton, said "The School Summer Games gave many young people a first hand experience of what it is like to compete for a medal and at the same time appreciate the fun, achievement and self respect that being involved in sport can bring.

For more information about the event and a list of medal winners visit www.teambedsandluton.co.uk

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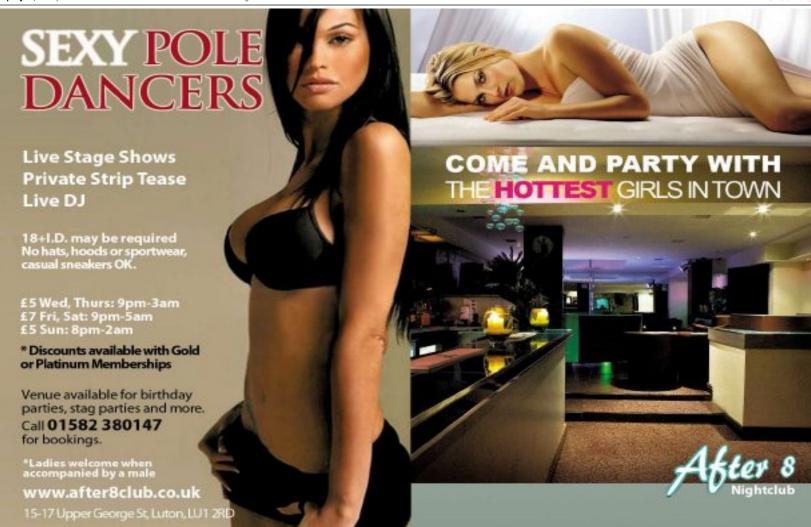
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THE Love Luton Festival last weekend was the biggest party ever seen in the town.

More than 75,000 turned out to see stars such as Olly Murs, Lewis Hamilton and The Wanted, who all helped the town celebrate the arrival of the Olympic Torch.

the Olympic Torch.

Here is a four-page pull-out supplement by *Luton on Sunday*, full of pictures from across the four-day festival which also included pop concerts in Popes Meadow and Luton Carnival and Mela at Wardown Park.









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Concerts go down a storm



THE Popes Meadow pop concerts and Olympic Torch event last weekend formed the centrepiece to the Love Luton Festival celebrations.

Friday evening saw The Wanted take centre stage, while Saturday's show was headlined by Olly Murs.

Throughout the two days there were also performances from four-piece Lawson, Reggae Reggae Man Levi Roots, Luton group Voices With Soul, Aisling O'Reilly, the Moment to Shine Choir, Bradley Johnson, dance duo Twist and Pulse, rock band Young Guns, and Skepta, and many others.

Then on Sunday more than 12,000 crowded into Popes Meadow to witness the Flame's historic arrival.







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Luton was a showcase for artistic excellence on Carnival day as 100 members of the Luton community alongside 400 members from four other towns across the Eastern region paraded the results of their major cultural Olympiad project, 'Carnival Crossroads Eastbound'.

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The pioneering project was produced by the UK Centre for Carnival Arts and funded by the Arts Council and Legacy Trust UK, creating a lasting impact from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games by funding ideas and local talent to inspire creativity across the UK. Proving that the Olympics is not just for London, the five hundred people from across Luton, Cambridge, Southend-on-Sea, Norwich and Ipswich worked with world class carnival artists to bring the unique stories of their towns to life via the UK's largest mobile carnival float at Europe's largest one day carnival. float at Europe's largest one day carnival.

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Carnival fever hits Luton





TENS of thousands took part in the Luton Carnival and Mela events which formed part of last weekend's Love Luton Festival.

The four-mile Carnival procession from Wardown Park to the town centre and back saw all manner of samba bands, drummers, stilt-walkers, DJs and dancers.

Throughout Saturday and Sunday at Wardown Park there was the Luton Mela - the region's biggest Asian music event - in which renowned local, national and international South Asian acts took part featuring Bhangra, Bollywood, Qawwali and Bangla sounds, as well as Asian urban and fusion music.









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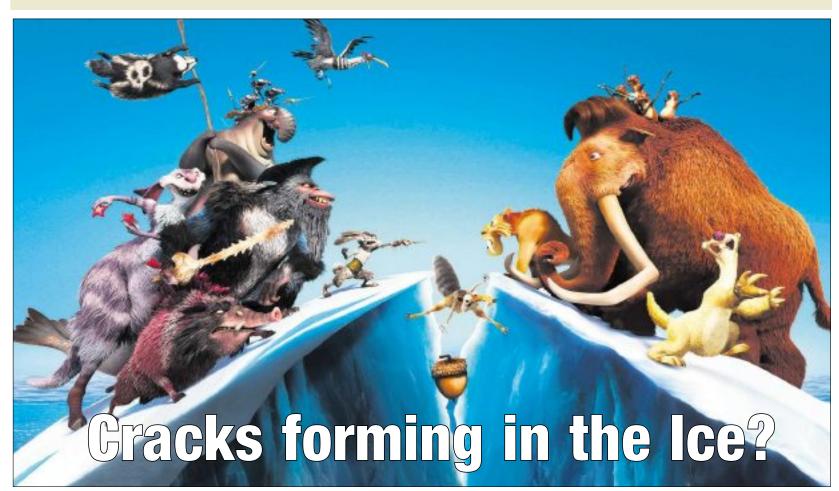




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FILM REVIEW: ICE AGE 4 – CONTINENTAL DRIFT (U)

Cast: Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, Jennifer Lopez, Queen Latifah, Aubrey 'Drake' Graham, Nicki Minaj, Peter Dinklage, Wanda Sykes, Seann William Scott, Keke Palmer, Josh Peck, Nick Frost, Kunal Nayyar, Josh Gad, Alan Tudyk, Patrick Stewart Punning Time: 1hc 30mins

Running Time: 1hr 30mins Director: Steve Martino & Mike Thurmeier

FOR a family movie the fourth instalment of the Ice Age franchise ticks all the basic boxes – but it just drifts by without bringing anything new to the table.

Even the sideshow of Jurassic squirrel Scrat chasing down his lively acorn seems to be running out of ideas.

The decade-old original film was an enigmatic entry – the first

from Blue Sky studios – when Pixar and the likes of Shrek were still in their fledgling years, but after the series was rejuvenated with its successfully colourful third entry Dawn of the Dinosaurs, this is extremely straightforward fare.

With a voice cast that adds MTV generation favourites Nicki

With a voice cast that adds MTV generation favourites Nicki Minaj, Drake and Jennifer Lopez to the established prehistoric cast of Manny (Ray Romano), Sid (John Leguizamo), Diego (Denis Leary) and Ellie (Queen Latifah), there's no doubting everyone wants a piece of this profitable pie.

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But it has sadly already kind of been done before in the second below-par entry The Meltdown, and only the inclusion of ape Captain Gutt (Peter Dinklage) and his seafaring pirates – along with Wanda Sykes' granny of Sid the Sloth for tiresome comedic relief – adds anything new to proceedings. When the continents break up – like it did round the earth many moons ago – Manny is separated from his partner Ellie and their daughter Peaches, and has to find a way back to them, with his regular cohorts by his side.

And with a few gags thrown in Continental Drift provides stillimpressive computer-generated animation and paint-by-numbers entertainment that will while away ninety minutes of time

or younger kids – absolutely no problem.

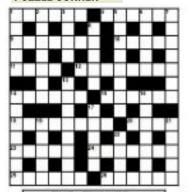
The only thing is with the likes of Despicable Me and Disney/Pixar's forthcoming Brave raising the bar – those of us looking for more substantial ingenuity will find this laden with

Rating: 2/5 Gavin Miller

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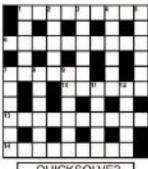
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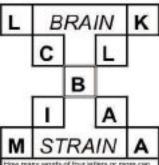
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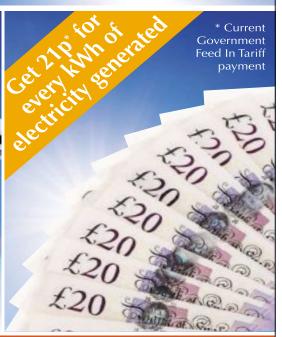
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Among the teams featuring is 'Dark Star', a one-man unit and one of only a few in the UK able to fly three stunt kites all at once.

There is Team 'Spectrum', masters synchronised kite flying choreographed to musical accompaniment and 'Cascade Kites' who will be bringing an array of inflatable kites, from jelly fish and aliens to penguins and lions. Lewis, from the 'Son Of The Winds', dances

while flying his kite and regards Dunstable Downs is his local ocean of air.

He calls the festival his 'proverbial open air ballroom where I can unleash my passions and theatrical flight'.

Paul Hancock, the event's coordinator at Dunstable Downs, said: "This year we are



truly international with a special visitor to the festival - Jos Valcke who will be bringing his famous giant inflatable kites to the

The National Trust's Dunstable Downs is a kite flying hotspot throughout the year, but the festival is a highlight in the events calendar, growing in popularity to become one of the biggest in the eastern region.

There will be children's activities and entertainers too. So take your family and friends and find out what all the fuss is about.

SUNDAY'S TV 15.07.12



Kenneth Branagh

Wallander BBC1.9pm

Wallander is sent to Riga after the disfigured corpses of two men are found on a life raft. However, several incidents make him wonder if his Latvian counterpart. Major Karlis Liepa, may be leaking information to those responsible for the murders, Kenneth Branagh, Soren Malling and Ingeborga Dapkunaite star in a tale written in the early 1990s. The book comments on the unstable political situations faced by former Soviet republics at that time, so it will be interesting to see how this adaptation - made two decades later - handles that aspect of the story.

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Country Tracks; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.00 Sunday Politics. 1.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.45 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 2.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.45 Super Smart Animals. (R) 4.45 Lifeline. 4.55 Songs of Praise. 5.30 World War II Unearthed.

- 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Antiques Noaisnow. Flona Bruce and the team search for treasure at the Old Royal Naval College at Greenwich, where items include a rare set of medals and a Lalique glass figure found under a bed. (R)
- 7.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather
- 8.00 Countryfile. Julia Bradbury and John Craven visit Snowdonia, where she tries her hand at scrambling – a combination of walking and rock-climbing – and he explores a rainforest.
- 9.00 Wallander. Two bodies are found on a life raft in Ystad harbour and Wallander helping him cannot be trusted. Guest starring Soren
- 10.30 BBC News; Regional News;
- 10.55 John Bishop's Britain. The comedian gets funny about animals. (R)
- 11.40 Room 101 Extra Storage. With John Prescott, Rebecca Front and Micky Flanagan. 12.20 Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. (R) 1.25 Holby City. (R) 2.20 DIY SOS: The Big Build. (R) 3.20 Food Factory. (R) 3.50 Fake Britain. (R) 4.35 BBC News.

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6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. (R) 12.30 MotoGP. 2.00 Live Golf: Scottish Open. 5.15 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League.

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 8.00 Engineering Giants: Jumbo
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 The inner workings of some
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 machines. Tom
 Wrigglesworth and Rob Bell
 watch as a 14-year-old
 Boeing 747 jumbo jet is
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- 9.00 World's Most Dangerous Roads. Sue Perkins and Liza Tarbuck drive along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, a network of roads running through jungles and mountains in Southeast Asia that is littered vith unexploded bombs.
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 10.00 McK the Week. A look back at the week's news, with guests Josh Widdicombe and Miles Jupp joining regulars Hugh Dennis, Andy Parsons and Chris Addison.
- 10.30 Line of Duty. Arnott is convinced Gates played a nart in Jackie's part in Jackie's disappearance, so the team sets a trap, hoping he will reveal his involvement in covering up the missing woman's crimes. (R)
- 11.30 Twenty Twelve. Someone is caught modifying Olympic starting pistols to fire live rounds. (R)
- 12.00 Film: Irina Palm. (2007) 1.40 BBC News. 4.35 Close.

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6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 Dinner Date. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 House Gift. (R) 10.25 There's No Taste Like Home. (R) 17.20 The Hungry Sailors. (R) 12.20 ITV News; Weather. 12.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 1.30 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 2.30 Film: Columbo: Make Me a Perfect Murder. (1978) 4.25 Doc Martin. (R) 5.20 The

- 6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.
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- 7.00 Emmerdale. Marlon is devastated to hear what Paddy and Rhona are planning and decides that if they do move away, they must leave Leo with him.
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- 8.00 Superstar. The 10 finalists compete to win viewers votes for the first time as judges Andrew Lloyd Webber, Dawn French and Jason Donovan assess their star quality. Continues tomorrow.
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CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 Sali Mali. 6.15 Ironman 2012. 6.40 Canary Wharf Triathlon. 7.10 The Great Swim Series. 8.05 Will & Grace. (R) 8.30 Will & Grace. (R) 8.55 Frasier. (R) 9.25 Frasier. (R) 10.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The 10.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.55 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.25 The Simpsons. (R) 1.55 The Simpsons. (R) 2.30 Film: Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging. (2008) 4.30 Big Dance 2012. 5.30 Three in a Bed. (R)

- 6.30 Channel 4 News
- 6.55 4thought.tv. A Catholic woman married to a Church of England priest discusses why she opposes the ordination of female bishops
- 7.00 Deal or No Deal. Noel Edmonds hosts the game show in which contestants try to guess the values of nystery boxes
- 8.00 Come Dine with Me. Four dinner-party hosts compete in the Peterborough area, in a week which sees the food being overshadowed by the often fractious relationships between the contestants
- 9.00 Thelma's Gypsy Girls. Thelma Madine's trainees begin their course in dress making but tensions rise as they try to get used to life in a professional workplace.
- 10.00 Meeting lan Brady. The mainstream prison
- 11.05 Film: Another 48 Hours. (1990) Comedy thriller sequel, starring Eddie Murphy and Nick Nolte.
- 1.00 Camelot. (R) 1.50 The Moonbird. (R) 2.05 Hollyoaks. (R) 4.20 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.15 Grudge Match. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 City of Friends. (R) 6.40 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 6.55 Castle Farm. (R) 6.55 Aby's Flying Fairy School. 7.05 Robarb and Fairy School, 7, 0s Roobarh and Custard Too. (R) 7.15 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.25 Family! (R) 7.35 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.45 Milkshakel Monkey, (R) 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 8.00 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 Chiro. (R) 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Tope Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.30 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 8.55 Milo Mao. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little 8. 45 Rupert Bear. (R) 8.55 Mio Mao. (R) 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 9.10 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.25 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.40 Jelly Jamm. (R) 10.00 Monkey Life. (R) 10.25 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 11.25 Big Brother. (R) 12.25 Half Built House. (R) 1.25 Police Interceptor. (R) 1.25.25 Citizens on Patrol. (1967) 4.10 5 News Weekend. 4.15 Film: Surf's Up. (2007) 5.55 Film: Maid in Manhattan. (2002) Up. (2007) **3.33 rm** Manhattan. (2002)

- 8.00 Once Upon a Time. Emma urges Mary Margaret to cooperate with the investigation so she can prove her innocence - but as the evidence mounts, she wonders if her friend could
- really be a killer. **9.00 Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights.
- 10.00 Film: Cobra. (1986) Thriller. with Sylvester Stallone 11.40 Film: Knock Off. (1998) Action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme.
- Liaude van Damme.

 1.30 SuperCasino. 4.05 Sons of Anarchy. 4.50 County Secrets. (R)

 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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7.00 World's Craziest Fools 7.30 7.00 World's Crazlest Fools 7.30 Great Movie Mistakes 2011: Not in 3D 7.35 Shrek: Once Upon A Time 8.35 Film: Shrek (2001) 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.30 Snog, Marry, Avoid?

BBC Four

7.00 Wainwright: The Man Who Loved the Lakes 8.00 Roundhead or Cavalier 9.00 100 Years of the Palladium 10.00 Film: Knuckle (2011) 11.30 Wainwright: The Man Who Loved the Lakes

2.35 Film: Free Willy 3: The Rescue (1997) 4.25 Film: The Mummy (1999) 6.50 Film: The Incredible Hulk (2008) 9.00 Benidorm 10.00 Film: Hellboy II: The Golden Army (2008) ITV3

- 3.40 Film: Summer Holiday (1963) 5.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 8.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 10.00 Wire in the Blood
- ITV4
 2.00 Live Cycling: Tour de France.
 Coverage of stage 14 of the world's
 most famous cycle race. 4.30
 Police, Camera, Action! 5.00 The
 Professionals 6.00 Tommy Cooper
 7.00 Cycling: Tour de France
 Highlights 8.00 Premiership Rugby
 Sevens Series 9.00 Film:
 Demolition Man (1993) 11.15 Film:
 The Gauntlet (1977)
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3.50 Glee 4.50 New Girl 5.20 The Big Bang Theory **6.15** Revenge **7.10 Film**: Dr Dolittle (1998) **9.00** World's Greatest Body Shockers

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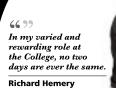
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Your CV is your first real chance to sell yourself to a potential employer. Most employers will scan through a CV in about 30 seconds so you need to grab their attention from the start - and make them want to invite you for an interview.

There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

- Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.
- Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you a second opinion is always useful.
- Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.
- Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.
- Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

Keep it simple

Personal details

Start off with your full name, address, home and mobile phone numbers and email address. If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.



Summary/professional profile

This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

Education and qualifications

List your qualifications and education history, with the most recent first. You don't need to list the grades for each exam you have passed unless they were exceptional results - simply listing the number and type of exams you've passed is fine. Also, list any relevant professional organisations you belong to and training courses you have been on.

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Start with your most recent position and work backwards, giving addresses along with start and finish dates. Set out your main responsibilities, duties and most importantly achievements, along with any skills you picked up or improvements you made while you were there. This is a really important section in your CV so make it count - but don't waffle.

If you have not had a full-time job before, detail any part-time jobs you may have held or any placement you have been on.

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Set out any computer skills you may have and the software you are most familiar with. Can you type, do shorthand or speak a foreign language fluently? If you have a driving licence, let the employer know. If it's clean, tell them.

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Add a covering letter

The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it

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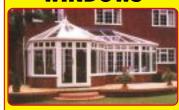
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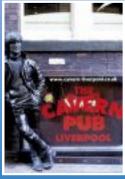
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Winless Beds still in hunt

CRICKET

THIS crazy summer means that Bedfordshire are still in with a chance of finishing top of the Eastern Division of the Minor Counties Championship despite being winless after three games, writes Lance Christopher.

The rain has fallen everywhere from Northumberland to Norfolk and although a couple of counties have managed to sneak wins, it is still all to play for with three weeks to go.

Next up for Bedfordshire is a home game with Cumberland at Bedford Modern School starting next Sunday. There's a chance that the weather might have relented by

then, but don't bet on it.
The latest Bedfordshire game to be hit was the one against Northumberland at Dunstable which was ended by a heavy shower at tea on the final day with Northumberland 186-1 in their second innings – Bedfordshire having led by one run

Both sides were attempting to make a game of it despite losing most of the first day to the weather – but to no avail.

That Northumberland managed to make anything like 246 in their first innings was due entirely to opener Danny Young who carried his bat for 123. The pick of the Bedfordshire bowlers were Will Sneath, who sent down 35.4 overs and took 3-53, and Colin Griggs, whose impressive second spell saw him finish with 4-61.

At one stage it looked as though Bedfordshire might go well past that score, but they slumped from 175-3 to 207-9. Thankfully Andy Reynoldson stayed firm and he was unbeaten on 84 from 115 balls when last man Will Sneath, who helped him add 40 runs, was caught at slip.
With Young continuing his impressive form to make 52 not

out in the Northumberland second innings and Goddard hammering a century, there was just the chance of a declaration and a Bedfordshire run chase, but the rain put paid to any thoughts of that.

Even though there was only limited play on the first day, the

former players' reunion went well with former England batsman Wayne Larkins among those attending.

■THERE is a Luton derby in the Bedfordshire Cricket League Premier Division today and after all the top flight games were cancelled last week due to rain, hosts Lutonian and rivals Luton Town & Indians will hope for clear skies. Dunstable Town play host to Leighton Buzzard Town.



Tyrrell takes home titles

MARTIAL ARTS

A TAE KWON Do champion has clinched individual and team glory as his fight career goes from strength-to-strength. Tyrrell Belony has become the Welsh Open champion for

the first time as a middleweight before helping the Tae Kwon Do Association of Great Britain (TAGB) English side retain their title at the British Tae Kwon Do Council Black Belt Team Championships at the London Excel Arena.

The tournamen't saw all the sport's organisations enter teams with TAGB putting forward three – English, Scottish

Belony beat Scottish captain Dave Watson – who was crowned the sport's 2011 international fighter of the year in the final. Prior to that he had dispensed with the home nation's number one ranked fighter Ben Jackson in the

The Luton fighter made the switch in weight divisions at the turn of the year having dominated at welterweight for years, claiming multiple home nations crowns, plus

European and world titles. His move up in category saw him bag the English title earlier this year and, prior to the team championships he added the Welsh title to his name, which means he has now gone on to win all 12 of his fights at 76kg.

Belony is now gearing up for the European Championships in Poland, later this year.

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READY TO RUMBLE: Storm champions (L-R) Dave Wilmott, Anthony Edwards, Andrew Tate, coach Amir Subasic, Tristan Tate, Dale Hardiman and Paul Douglas

Amir eyes Storm titles to blow wind of change

BY JAMES CUNLIFFE

TODAY will mark the next step in one man's goal to see Storm Gym take over the world and put Luton on the map for posi-

tive reasons.

The town's Liquid nightclub will host the UK's largest mixed martial arts title show ever and brainchild behind the fight centre and Pure Force Promotions, Amir Subasic, fully expects three hometown fighters to wake up tomorrow with new interconti-

nental belts.

Dave Willmott and Nigel Thomas both claimed European kickboxing glory earlier this year on PFP's first World Domination show and today's second instal-ment sees the pair and gym-mate Paul Douglas battle for the more prestigious crowns.
Thomas will tussle with Mihau

Barbu for the 78.1kg kickboxing crown, while Willmott takes on Ion Pascu for the 78.1kg K1 belt and Douglas is gunning for the 72.5kg kickboxing honour against against English, British, Commonwealth, European and Southern Area champion Mikey Worscewick.

"If they win this one then the next step is a world champi-onship," said Subasic. "I build all my guys up step-by-step through the English, British, European and now intercontinental belts.

"I'm expecting Nigel, Dave and Paul to win and it means we'll have three intercontinental champions. Hopefully, later in the year I'll do a massive show and then there will be three world champions from Luton.'

A Bosnian who grew up in Germany but returned to fight in the Yugoslavian war, Subasic is proud to call the town his home

Hardiman set for cage clash

LIGHTWEIGHT MMA prospect Dale Hardiman has been added to the ten-bout card for Cage Warriors 48 and will take on former Ultimate Fighter contestant Ido Pariente (12-5-0) at the HMV Forum in Kentish Town, London, on Saturday. The 24-year-old from

and hopes the name Storm can bring positive reflections on a that he feels has been unjustly tarred with a negative

"I'm not from here but Luton is my town, simple as that," he said.
"When people complain about Luton the first thing I'll tell them, 'if you don't like it, go and live somewhere else.

"There is nothing wrong with this town. I'm sick of all this bad news - Muslim group this and EDL that

"I'm Muslim and I think Luton is better than that but because of some bad press it has a bad

"This is my home. I have people at the gym from all over the world, all different religions and cultures – it's so nice. Sport brings people together." A black belt in 12 different dis-

ciplines, Subasic founded Storm Gym in the town 13 years ago, months after moving here. Last year they moved to their New Bedford Road home

"We are self sufficient and have no funding from anyone and there are ministers and people in charge of sports that don't even know we exist, but I've made world champions since 1999," he

But Subasic is keen for people

Luton (8-3-0), who fights out of Storm Gym, will be making his debut for the organisation – which is regarded as one of Europe's top MMA promotions – following his wins over Scott

Jansen and Antanas Jazbutis on BAMMA inside the past 12

to realise that martial arts can be a force for good and uses some of his champions as examples, such as Willmott and world kickboxing champion Andrew 'Cobra'

"Andrew is now signed up for three years with ShowTime – the largest organisation in the world. It's like UFC," said Subasic. "He comes from Marsh Farm, his par-

ents are divorced, his father is an alcoholic, but after eight years with me look where he is. He drives a red Porsche and he's a world champion. David Willmott was a crackhead, now he's a European champion.

People have a misperception of martial arts. Cage fighting was marketed as the most brutal, no rules fighting but there are actually more rules than most sports about what you can and can't do. It's very regulated and martial

arts is like a family.
"Martial arts is not about training thugs to be hard – it's to make you into a better person.

"Coaches are like role models and they lead by example.

"But there should be more sports activities for children, and I'm not just talking my sport. Back in Bosnia we'd be teaching in the schools. Denbigh High School is the only one here which

is really easy to work with."
Today's World Domination II card also features two other intercontinental title fights, plus one British kickboxing, two Southern Area Muay Thai championship showdowns and plenty more full contact bouts, including some MMA scraps.

■Tickets are £10 for kids (-12yrs), £15 for juniors (12-18yrs) and £25 for adults, if ordered in advance. There will be more on the doors and family discount is available. Doors open at 1pm and the first fight is at 2pm.

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BY JAMES CUNLIFFE

YOUNG Brighton & Hove Albion prospect Yaser Kasim is hoping to ease his Olympic heartbreak by kick-starting his career with a six-month loan at Luton Town.

The 21-year-old and his family fled his native Iraq when he was six, due to economic sanctions imposed by the Americans after the Gulf War.

But having earned two caps for the country of his birth – one for the under-23s and the other in their Olympic side – he had hoped to star for them this summer, in the capital city he's called home for the past 15 years of his life.

However, those dreams took a nosedive after Iraq fielded ineligible defender Faisal Jasim in their 2-0 qualification campaign victory over UAE. Fifa found them guilty, over-turning the result and awarding a 3-0 win to the Emirates, which ended the country's and Kasim's hopes of playing in the Games.

"The plan was to play in the Olympics," the midfielder said, adding: "I am disappointed but I can't do anything. The organisation is so bad it's ridiculous.

"We got disqualified from qualifica-

tion, that's how bad it is.
"Football in Iraq is political.
Selections and things like that are not up to the manager.
"Now I just want to make my club

career go as far as it can."

After leaving his home nation and spending a year in neighbouring Middle Eastern state Jordan, Kasim came to London.
He said: "It was better to get out of

Iraq because there wasn't any future there. I learned the language pretty quickly here and it wasn't too tough because I was young when I left and that made it easier.

Once in the English capital he was spotted by Tottenham Hotspur and

Yas yearns for Luton chance after 2012 dream dies

NEW ARRIVAL: Yaser Kasim

came up through the ranks at White Hart Lane before moving to the Seagulls in 2010.

But his first team appearances have been limited to two games for the Sussex club, which saw a number of League One and Two clubs become interested in his services.
The midfielder revealed that Town's

desire to acquire him, plus their ambition to win the Blue Square Bet Premier title, made his decision

He said: "There were some teams interested from higher divisions, but Luton wanted me pretty badly. "I knew about them but I didn't

know they are as big as they are in their league. They've probably been underachieving but I've been told that they are trying to win promotion this season.

"I also wanted to go where there will be pressure. I want to enjoy my football but I think that will help me, so that's why I chose Luton.

"It's better to be at a club where they want to win, rather than a mediocre one.

"I've heard good things about Luton so I can't wait.
"I've been told what the atmos-

phere will be like but I just want to win every game and enjoy it."

Hatters boss Paul Buckle this week

admitted he'd kept tabs on Kasim since he was a teenager at Spurs, while Town legend Kevin Nicholls had a hand in hammering out a deal

to take him to Kenilworth Road until January 1, 2013, as he's the brother and business partner of Paul – the youngster's agent.

An issue with his passport prevented the versatile midfielder from joining his new team-mates on their preseason training camp in Portugal this week but he will meet up with them tomorrow for their first friendly of the summer at Hitchin Town (7.45pm), though he is not sure yet whether he'll be playing.

Storm warriors start next step on path to World Domination – P59











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